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The University of Montana

# Montana Kaimin

Our 99th year, Issue 44

Kaimin is a Salish word for messages

Wednesday, November 20, 1996

## Great white

■ Storm closes roads, dumps record snowfall

Kortny Rolston  
Kaimin Reporter

Monday's storm sent UM students in search of shelter and produced record levels of snowfall.

Craig Sullivan, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service, said the storm, which piled 9.6 inches of snow in Missoula, recorded one of the largest 24-hour snowfalls since 1890. This storm ranks behind an 1893 record of 27.5 inches and 17 inches in 1921.

The storm closed several area highways and reduced others to emergency travel only.

U.S. Highway 93 North to Kalispell was restricted to emergency travel and parts of I-90

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were also closed.

November snow levels in Missoula average about 5.1 inches. The total so far this month is 11.5 inches.

Sullivan said the storm accompanied by Tuesday's 10 to 20 mph winds and 27 degree temperature should be the worst weather of the week.

He said another winter weather system will be moving in on Friday, but it won't compare to the record-breaking snowfall recorded earlier in the week.

Sullivan said temperatures are expected to hover in the 30s for the next 10 days, but said it should get nicer by Thanksgiving.

"(Thanksgiving weather) looks relatively quiet, but again that is a 10-day forecast," he said. "After this it doesn't look like there's anything major on the horizon."

They say chivalry is dead...



Lem Price/Kaimin

PAUL LOPACH, a third-year law student, scrapes the snow and ice from the window of his girlfriend's car Tuesday. Along with the snow, ice, and freezing rain yesterday's storm brought with it some high winds which resulted in piles of drifting snow across Missoula.

## Dial-BEAR, computers victims of storm

Sonja Lee  
Kaimin Reporter

The blast of cold weather that took UM by storm cut off Dial-BEAR registration and put a chill on computer systems across campus.

The Dial-BEAR phone registration system crashed around 12 p.m. yesterday, Laura Carlyon, assistant registrar, said Tuesday. Excessive power failures caused by the system's ceaseless snowfall, shorted out the systems connections.

Students trying to line up their spring schedules were told to visit the Registration Center and sign up for classes with the help of registration staff, Carlyon said. But by early Tuesday afternoon, UM's main computer system, Banner, was also down due to power problems, leaving students with no way to register.

Because the Dial-BEAR network has

to be repaired by technicians based in Pennsylvania, Carlyon said she didn't know when the phone line would be up and running again.

"But we're flying in a service man tomorrow," she said.

If students already completed registration through Dial-BEAR, their class schedules will not be affected by the crash, Carlyon said.

Students trying to register in the meantime can come to the Registration Center, Carlyon said. The Banner network, UM's database of student records, should be working, she said, and if students have their advising numbers and a completed schedule work-sheet, registration staff can manually sign students up for classes. But students must still wait for their assigned times to get classes.

"We will just continue on with our registration schedule," she said.

Weather permitting, students should

try to visit the registration center and sign up for classes, Carlyon said. If students wait and use Dial-BEAR, there will be a much larger chance of overcrowded telephone lines once the system is fixed.

"There could be a lot of busy signals until the bulge gets through," she said.

Dial-BEAR and Banner weren't the only computer systems hard-hit by Tuesday's cold-front.

Most of UM's computer labs were still open to students Tuesday, but frequent "blips" interrupted systems. The cold weather also wreaked havoc on UM's Selway.

Online services were only available periodically due to numerous power surges. Because Computing and Information Services were busy trying to keep Selway online and stop campus computers from crashing, staff members were not available for comment.

## UM classes cancelled only in most extreme conditions

Gretchen Schwartz  
Kaimin Reporter

UM hasn't been closed due to weather conditions since a 1989 storm that carried a windchill of minus 94 degrees and shut school doors for three days, according to staff at Facility Services.

The current conditions of high winds, freezing rain and rapid snowfall are nothing compared to the '89 storm that froze campus buildings, despite

maximum heating attempts, said Bill Queen, maintenance service manager.

School cancellations are decided after UM campus security crews monitor weather conditions throughout the night and early morning. In severe emer-

gency weather conditions, they will notify President Dennison, who will make the decision. If the president is absent, Provost Robert Kindrick will make the final decision.

"It's just a routine day," Queen said.

In Montana, unless a person cannot get from destination to destination, universities will most likely remain open, said Ken Willett, director of the Office of Campus Security.

"It's pretty much a given in Montana, with those pretty mountain views with greenery and peaks..." that one is apt to experience an "...ugly white winter with chest high snow," Willett said.

In the face of a storm, plows, jeeps and brooms infiltrate cam-

pus at 4:30 a.m., shoveling snow and scattering ice melt liquid and sand, Queen said.

Campus was probably up and running today faster than the city, he said.

UM employees who live outside Missoula were sent home after 3 p.m. Tuesday, at the discretion of the supervisor, said Patricia Metz, assistant to the president. Classes after 4 p.m. were cancelled.

University Communications will inform local radio stations of morning cancellations by 6:30 a.m., according to UM personnel policies. Night cancellations will be reported to the media by 4 p.m. Weather updates and other related campus information is available through the university 24-hour hotline, 243-2400.

## Some students ski to school

With emergency road conditions and icy side-walks, several students opted to ski to class.

Kort Duce, a senior in history, brought out his cross-country skis for the first time this winter to make it to class in the Liberal Arts building Tuesday morning.

"People walking were darn near as fast," Duce said. "But you've been walking since you were one year old... you might as well do something different with your feet, add a little spice to your life."

Duce said since he couldn't lock his skis to the bike rack, he stashed them behind the Coke machine during class.

Steve Adams, a graduate student in journalism, said it was the parking deal price, not the slippery roads, that drove him to his skis this morning. It was no problem crossing busy streets like Madison, he said, as a minivan did a 360 degree turn and promptly blocked oncoming traffic, making it safe to ski across.

—Gretchen Schwartz



# Opinion

## Student football tickets more precious than gold

In a week of blinding winds, freezing rain and drifting snow the only thing even remotely warm on the UM campus were tickets to Saturday's Grizzly-Bobcat football game.

They were so hot in fact, they seemed to disappear almost instantly in a burst of smoke.

In only seven hours, UM had sold all 4,215 student tickets. Even more impressive was the fact that all 300 student guest tickets were gone in less than 15 minutes.

This is school spirit at its best, the ultimate tribute to our squad of national champions, and most importantly, a wakeup call to the UM athletic department.

With a campus enrollment ballooning somewhere near 12,000 students, Monday's mad dash for tickets should deliver and a loud and clear message that 4,215 student seats just don't cut it, especially when it comes to big games like this one and the playoffs that will soon follow.

University officials did take a step in the right direction last year when they added about 7,000 seats to Washington-Grizzly Stadium's endzones, and more than doubled the number of seats reserved for students. But still, UM's backbone, its fee-paying students, deserve more.

After shelling out tuition dollars, activity fee dollars, athletic fee dollars, you name it, it's still UM students that have show up an hour early before every game, even the non-conference sleepers, just to make sure they can snag a decent seat. And it's these same students that stick it out to bitter end, in games that are often times decided in the first half.

When all the bills are paid and it comes right down to it, many would agree that these tickets are much more than just a university perk, they're a right.

Hurrah for the Grizzly season tickets holders who pack the stands every weekend. Hurrah for the businessmen that donated the big bucks that added nearly 2,000 student seats last year.

But most importantly, hurrah to the students who continue to shell out the bucks, continue to fight for seats and continue to come out week after week and support the Grizzlies.

Matt Ochsner

### Kaimin editorial

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## Symbols first step to change

Your editorial column in yesterday's Montana Kaimin, though thought-provoking, lacks serious discussion on the many ways that the Diversity Advisory Council

promotes/coordinates efforts to better diversify the University's student and professional staff communities, as well as encouraging the infusion of diverse cultural curriculum themes. Hopefully this letter will offer you information that unfortunately was under-researched by your staff before the column went to print.

The Diversity Advisory Council wholeheartedly agrees with your assessment that symbols can be mere Band-Aids that do not necessarily force change. But isn't it worthwhile to symbolize community acceptance during a historical cycle of world peace unrest, religious persecution, and other forms of intolerance and injustice? We think so. Our mission in planting the "All People's Tree" was to create a lasting reminder that the University greets all people irrespective of their differences. It is those differences that make this institution a wonderful learning environment. Certainly we would be very limited in our quest for knowledge if class discussions excluded life perspectives different from our own. The "Tree" reminds us that we are all a welcome part of a wonderful community. Ask a Vietnam War veteran if the memorial in Rose Park has meaning for them. Ask someone who worked on the effort to make Martin Luther King Day a holiday in Montana, one of the last states to do so, whether that successful effort was worth it. The monument and the national holiday are nothing more than symbols—

**Guest Column by Jon Stannard**

symbols that reflect important values of our society, symbols that give recognition to individuals or groups who have been ignored.

So what does the Diversity Advisory Council do to

accomplish its mission? Most importantly, each year DAC members meet to establish funding priorities for campus-wide efforts which would promote opportunities for showcasing events/activities that address diversity. Last year near \$5,000 in mini-grant awards were made by the Council to student groups proposing to host diversity events:

- \$1,000 was awarded to the Symposium on Racism Reconciliation to bring in Eldridge Cleaver and Dr. William Iversen. In addition to the two days of classroom instruction, Cleaver and Iversen presented a two-hour talk in the Montana Ballroom to a packed house.

- \$250 was awarded to the International Students' Association in support of their annual food festival.

- \$1,000 was awarded to UC Programming and the Martin Luther King Day Committee in partial support of the Samite of Uganda Concert which attracted a standing room only crowd.

- \$500 was awarded to the Public Law Review and Native American Law Students Association to assist with their hosting The Public Law and Land Review Conference—an event that attracted nationally renowned legal speakers, tribal educators, and tribal leaders.

- \$250 was awarded to ASUM to assist with their hosting Hate Free Initiative activities.

Committing even more support, last week the Council set aside \$5,000 (half of its total annual operating

budget) for funding this year's mini-grant proposal. Seizing the opportunity to assist student groups in their efforts to promote diversity, the Council unanimously approved increasing the budget line.

In addition to mini-grant awards, the Council funds an annual Diversity Achievement Reception to acknowledge students from varied backgrounds who have demonstrated academic and community service achievement. Similarly, DAC annually honors members of the campus community for their commitment to recognizing and promoting the efforts of diversity. Past distinguished awardees include: Dean James Flightner, Larry LaCounte, Dean Larry Gianchetta, and Dr. Paul Miller.

Finally the Diversity Advisory Council is currently planning a May Diversity Celebration. Intended to provide an opportunity to gather all members of the campus-community to share an appreciation for one-another, the event hopes to offer music from a variety of cultural groups, food, entertainment, and nationally renowned speakers who have established themselves as champions of cultural appreciation.

A council of sixteen volunteers with an annual budget of \$10,000 is not going to radically affect diversity on this campus by itself. All of the above-described efforts could be seen as symbolic. We are a campus of 11,800 students, 660 faculty, 1,100 staff. Real change will come when enough of us think diversity is important and will do something about it. We hope that the "All People's Tree" can symbolize an aspect of The University of Montana that we can all be proud of.

Jon Stannard is a member of the Diversity Advisory Council

## Concerning U

**Lecture**—Women's Studies Brown Bag Lunch "Women, Politics, and the 1997 Legislature," by Rep. Diane Sands of Missoula, noon in Liberal Arts building room 138.

**Workshop**—Resume and cover letter writing tips from the staff at Career Services, 3:10-4 p.m. in Lodge room 148. Free.

**Public Forum**—To review final construction documents for the

University Theater renovations, 7 p.m., in the UC Montana Rooms.

**Discussion**—"Electronic Teaching Initiatives in the Sciences," by geology chair Steve Sheriff and

Joseph White, forestry research associate, Associate Provost Fritz Schwallier moderates, 7

p.m. in Gallagher Business Building room 106. Free.

**Concert**—"Off the Record," acappella women's singing group, 7:30 p.m. in the University Center South Atrium. Free.

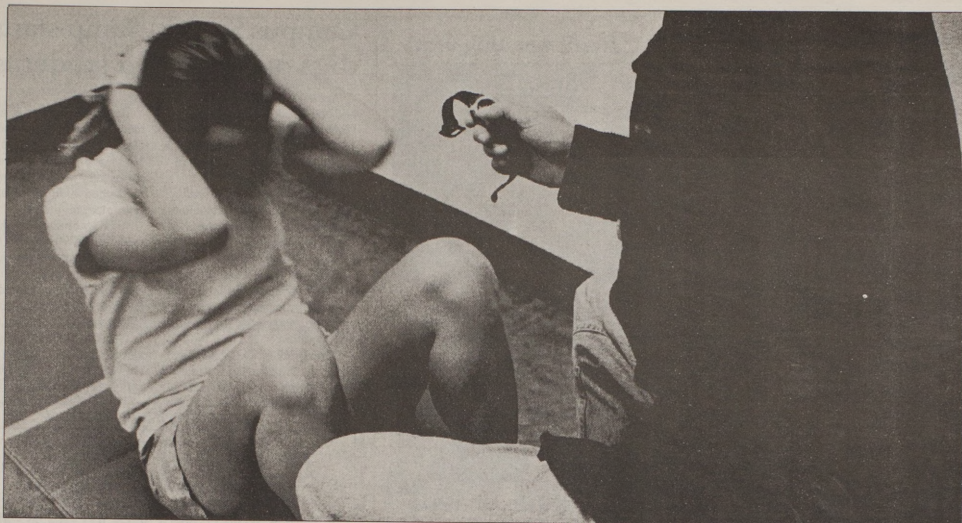
**Drama/Dance**—Dance Showcase, Program II, 7:30 p.m., in the Open Space of the Performing Arts and Radio-TV Center. Tickets \$4 and available at the box office. Call 243-4581 for information.



The only way to eat an elephant? A bite at a time.

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Results from timed situps are combined with pushups, bike riding and lifting weights and entered into the Microfit computer to test Jennifer McKee's physical fitness. McKee has the first of three points on her body pinched and measured for fat content by the Microfit computer.

# Fit or Fat?

## the \$10,000 question

The UM Wellness Center's new system has all the answers

Under yellow, industrial lights, a blue-eyed Health and Human Performance graduate gently squeezes my back fat. Her chilly fingers shaking, the UM Wellness Center employee hooks a cantilever pincher to a slouchy roll off my hip. Squeezing the trigger of her digital fat gun, the employee chuckles nervously as the Center's \$10,000 Microfit computer crunches the creamy, white truth behind my lipids. And I, vulnerable in a 60/40 V-neck, sigh miserably.

The computer says I have the fat content of your average sausage.

Merciless and immediate, the Center's Microfit computer spits out ego-crushing fitness facts with a digital disregard for its clients. Actually, my Microfit session, with Wellness employee Holly Rollins, didn't turn out half-bad. After 25 minutes of aerobic, strength, and flexibility tests in a windowless, cement room in the Rec Annex basement, the computer spit out my overall fitness score.

Push-up-wise, I'm no golden girl, but my aerobic score was outta sight.

"It's probably the most accurate interactive fitness profile on the market," said Mike Rankin, director of fitness at The Courthouse athletic club in Missoula. "Before Microfit, it was simply unheard to have that kind of accurate profile in 30 minutes."

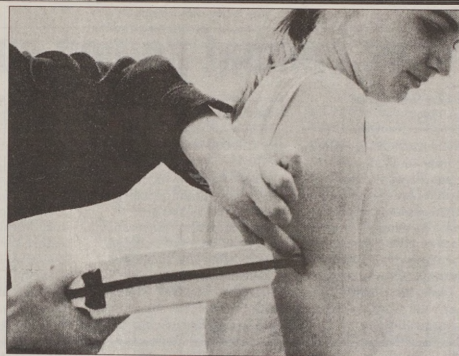
And he ought to know. Rankin brought the technology to Missoula three years ago. Virtually every health club in the city now uses the system, Rankin said.

Rankin pitches his product as a silicone blend of sweat and microchips.

"The computer does everything," he said. "It helps you objectively check your work-out."

Microfit spits out a flat average — the "overall fitness score" — of a battery of tests: blood pressure, resting heart rate, fat percent, aerobic fitness, flexibility, strength, and upper body stamina.

To a new fitness initiate, Microfit's bevy of bar graphs lend a crucial visual to fitness.



"It helps you identify your weak areas," Rankin said.

UM's Rollins agrees. As the computer cranked out my graphs, she pointed out that I could really improve my flexibility and upper body strength.

But, some in the exercise world wonder what the system's numbers really mean.

"The percentages are four to six percent off true accuracy," said Brian Sharkey, Jr., a personal trainer at the Missoula Athletic Club, which offers Microfit sessions to its members.

The fitness score, Sharkey says, "isn't indicative of anything."

"You could have good aerobic capacity and low flexibility and come out with a low score," he said.

The fat sensor, perhaps Microfit's surest selling point, replaces older cantilever skin fold methods that once took time and manual equations to turn out. Microfit removes human error from the formula, but at \$10,000 a system, Sharkey wonders if the money couldn't be better spent.

"For a \$20 pair of cantilevers, you get the same data and the same norms," he said. "It might take a little bit longer."

That Microfit offers clients fast numbers, instant fitness gratification, seems to satisfy clients willing to shell out big bucks for a computer system that will eventually be obsolete.

"Doing all the formulas manually was a huge pain in the ass," Rankin said.

Both trainers agree that the system is a first step for exercisers. Microfit doesn't make you fit.

But, in my session, I finally put a number to what I knew was true. Yeah, I ought to stretch more. I have low blood pressure. Yadda yadda yadda.

The fat test didn't bug me, though. Sure, I'm as fatty as a pure beef patty, but that still means I'm 82 percent blood, muscle, and bone.

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**WHO:** SORRY, ONLY FACULTY AND STAFF RIGHT NOW BUT CAMPUS REC PROMISES TO OFFER MICROFIT SESSIONS TO STUDENTS WITHIN MONTHS, HOPEFULLY BY CHRISTMAS.

story by  
Jennifer McKee

photos by  
Ann Williamson



## Peek-a-boo...



Lem Price/Kaimin

SCOT PARENT, a 3-and-a-half-year-old student at the McGill Learning Center, was bundled up in his stroller to escape the cold while waiting for the bus by the field house Tuesday afternoon.

## Crews combat power outages

Gretchen Schwartz  
Kaimin Reporter

Inclement weather stifled power lines and caused power shortages in more than 3,000 homes and businesses throughout western Montana Tuesday.

Montana Power Company lost about 100,000 volts of transmission from Missoula to the Idaho border Tuesday, said Cort Freeman, a customer relations

spokesman at Montana Power Company.

The first customer call on the 100,000 volt line was at 12:30 a.m. yesterday, he said.

The cold snow mounds created wide-spread power problems across western Montana, with many scattered and isolated outages, and fighting the shortages has been something like "guerrilla warfare," Freeman said. Snow storm related outages are harder to control

than rain storms, which tend to affect only one neighborhood at a time, he said.

Heavy, wet snow piled on electrical lines cause lines to break or sag onto other lower lines, he said.

A crew of 50 to 60 people were working to fix lines and restore service in western Montana, Freeman said.

"People are usually understanding about how weather affects power services," he said.

## Campus Security jump-starts, digs out stranded students

Armed with jumper cables and snow-scooping shovels, University Police set out on Tuesday to save stranded students from long walks home in the pelting snow.

At least two students used UM's free jump-start and snow-shoveling service yesterday. But Shelley Harshbarger, supervisor at the Office of Campus Security, said she didn't know exactly how many students used the service because the cold weather shorted-out their computer system.

"The problem today has been people getting drifted in," she said. "Which means we've got to get someone with a shovel to dig

them out."

Jeremy Johnston, a sophomore in radio/TV, phoned University Police at 11 p.m. Monday when he discovered his car battery dead. Officers responded 30 minutes later and jump started his car.

"The guy was nice," Johnston said. "He gave me some tips to help me out so my car won't run out again. Campus security is cool and (students) should not be afraid of cops because they're on our side."

The free service began last winter and is available to all the University Villages or UM Tech campuses, Harshbarger said.

—Kim Shornogoshi

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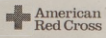
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STUDENTS stop to read a sign erected next to a shrouded grizzly statue at on the Oval. The sign protested the loss of grizzly habitat and the decline in the number of bears alive today. A couple of hours after it was set up, no trace of the protest remained.

## Police bust underage drinkers

Jennifer McKee  
Kaimin Reporter

Hitting 20 UM underage drinkers with minor in possession charges, a pair of plain clothes city cops targeted university-area liquor stores this weekend as part of a routine liquor bust.

"It's just something that happened to come up," said Missoula Lt. Gary Casey. "Sometimes we don't get anybody and sometimes it's real busy."

The sting kicked off Thursday night, slapping five

UM students with MIPs and other liquor law violations.

All liquor law violations are misdemeanor charges, punishable by a \$500 fine or six months in jail.

The pair of undercover officers hit 10 more UM students Saturday, targeting Grizzly Grocery store, five blocks from campus, and East Gate Liquor store, across the walking bridge.

Winding down the weekend flurry, officers wrote four more liquor tickets Saturday.

The bust doesn't indicate an organized sting, Casey said, just a periodic flexing of police muscle.

"We hit a lot of downtown bars and areas where minors historically try to purchase," Casey said.


The bust is nothing unusual to Grizzly Grocery manager Wayne Willis. Beer-thirsty minors, particularly UM dorm dwellers, traditionally try to snowball Grizzly Grocery clerks with fake IDs and bald-faced lies, Willis said, although a cop car parks across the street from the market Friday and Saturday.

"It's a problem every weekend," Willis said.

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# Sports

Calling the shots...



Jordan LaRue/Kaimin

JILL RASMUSSEN, a junior in education, calls the play Sunday afternoon against the Portland Saints. The Lady Griz game was close throughout the first period, but it was in the second half that they out-scored the Saints. The Lady Griz go up against Utah in their season opener Friday night.

Foley's Follies:

## Replays, ripoffs and ribbings

### No instant replay

The NFL is considering bringing back the instant replay next season.

It definitely needs to fix all the bad calls that have plagued the season this year. However I have a better, more convenient solution to the problem than slowing down the games with replays.

We can start by hiring some referees under 900 years old!

### Speaking of replays

How about the new replay screen at Washington-Grizzly stadium? Some NFL teams don't even have screens that nice.

I'll have to say it's a distraction though. So far this year, I missed at least four touchdown passes because I was watching the replay screen.

### Sarcastic Griz fans

When Portland State finally got a first down late in the second quarter in the Griz's

last home game, a laughing Washington-Grizzly crowd gave them a resounding ovation.

I'm sorry, but I just can't condone such sarcasm.

### Football weather

How about this weather? Isn't this great?

The gods of football are smiling down on us just in time for the Griz/Cat game. Let's just hope it lasts until Saturday.

### The King of boxing

Who really won the Tyson-Holyfield fight?

Just ask one of the zillions of fools, myself included, who made their checks out to Don King to watch the fight on pay-per-view.

And you thought Holyfield was the winner.

### Not enough money!

Always a gentlemen, Albert Belle turned down \$8.5 mil-

Column by

Bill  
Foley

lion per year to stay with the Cleveland Indians. The contract was for four or five years, whichever he preferred.

Who can blame the man?

With all those fines he gets for attacking reporters, fighting and throwing elbows while breaking up double plays, he needs at least \$9 million per year just to break even.

### A Mayor at quarterback?

San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown called 49er's quarterback Elvis Grbac an embarrassment to human kind because he threw a key interception against the Dallas Cowboys last Sunday.

A little harsh wouldn't you say?

I think KPAX news anchor Jill Valley said it best when she said maybe the mayor should try playing quarterback.

You tell him Jill.

## Griz-Cat game a record sellout

Bill Foley

Kaimin Sports Reporter

The Griz-Cat football game has already broken a record this year.

For the first time ever, all the student football tickets were gone after only one day, UM ticket manager Loren Flynn said.

All 4,215 student tickets,

including 300 guest tickets, were claimed before 3 p.m. Guest tickets, which cost \$5,

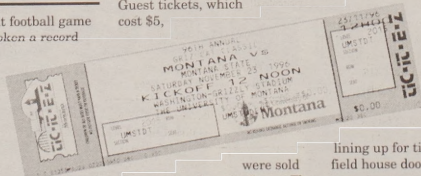
people were in line for student tickets at the field house ticket office.

"It was crazy," Flynn said. "But everything worked out great."

People began lining up for tickets before the field house doors opened at 6 a.m.

were sold out by about 8:15 a.m. The ticket office opened at 8 a.m. Flynn said at 7:30 Monday morning approximately 1,000

Other than student tickets, the game has been sold out since before the season began.



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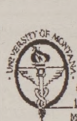
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# UM health plan in limbo until state offers money

**Jennifer Brown**  
Kaimin Reporter

Changes in the university employee health benefits plan remain indefinite while committee members wait for the Legislature to determine the state's contribution to the plan.

Inter Units Benefits Committee members representing university system employees across the state met Monday in Helena to discuss the effects of predicted state contributions. The committee, however, won't be able to make any decisions about the plan until the Legislature approves a budget.

"It's still very much on people's minds, but until the Legislature does something

definitive, there's not much we can do," said Rick Curtis, administrative officer of UM Health Services and committee member.

The revised health plan released in September cuts benefits and increases premiums. Under the proposed plan, employees with a spouse and children would be hit the hardest, their premiums raising by 120 percent.

But the figures presented were only estimates. They were based on the assumption that the state would contribute \$225 per employee per month, as they did in the last biennium.

New figures developed at the meeting are based on a state contribution of \$245 per month in fiscal year 1998, and \$270 in

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fiscal year 1999. Should the Legislature approve a \$20 increase, employees only insuring themselves would pay no monthly fee; employees insuring themselves and a spouse would pay \$80 per month; employees insuring themselves and children, \$60; and employ-

ees insuring themselves, a spouse and children, \$140. Figures are based on a \$350 deductible.

Even with a contribution of \$245, employees insuring a spouse and children will pay at least \$42 more each month than they currently pay.

A \$500 deductible plan could also be available, which would reduce premium costs.

Curtis said the committee's main concern is to have a working plan by the time the Legislature makes a decision.

"If they increase the contribution by X dollars, we should know what we're going to do ahead of time," he said. "The consultant confirmed the plan is viable and functional."

The plan will remain "cafete-

ria-style" and employees will be able to choose from long-term disability, accidental death, dental, vision and medical insurance options.

"The plan is not going to change, the amount of money people have to pay will," Curtis said.

Although the plan met fiery opposition earlier this fall, complaints have tapered off as employees wait for the official numbers, said Michael Brown, business professor and committee member.

"Obviously it has slowed down some, but I think it's safe to say that e-mails and voice mails, and even visitations still continue," Brown said. "This is clearly something we need to settle."



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# University Police take winter by the snowballs

Jennifer McKee  
Kairmin Reporter

A trio of middle-aged drunk men were pacing the women's wing of Craig Hall Sunday, upsetting residents and "tearing things off the wall," according to University Police reports. A caller described two mustacheed men and a third bespectacled man with a baseball cap as "mid-30s, stocky, with dark hair roaming the halls." Officers didn't find the men.

Aber Hall's stringent new security system trapped a woman in the dorm's cement stairwell Monday. The resident buzzed university officers on one of two emergency phones mounted in the stairs, asking for someone to let her out without sounding an alarm. Aber residents may enter the stairwell on any floor but may leave only on the first floor.

University officers dumped a deer head and hide in a university dumpster after a University Village resident found the carcass near his home. Officer Chuck Gatewood dropped the hide in a dumpster at the corner of Woodward and Mansfield

avenues.

Snowballers pelted windows of four UM dorms Monday night, igniting a flurry of complaints from Craig, Dunaway, Pantzer, and Miller residents. One snowball smacked a Craig hall window so hard the caller told University Police the window smashed. Officers didn't find evidence that a snowball broke any windows.

Prowlers have been sneaking into the Delta Gamma house in the last week,

"aggravating residents" by

switching on lights, rearranging chairs and other meddling

antics, according to reports. Officers don't know how the prowlers are breaking into the house and haven't found any evidence of a break-in. Extra patrols have been patrolling the house, said University Sgt. Dick Thurman.

Griz fans got "out of control" in the line for Bobcat-Grizzly football tickets, according to reports. Officers walked through the crowd around 7 a.m. Monday, keeping peace in the line for the game that sold out Tuesday.

## POLICE BLOTTER

## Storm stalls Junior Wells show

The Junior Wells show scheduled for Nov. 21 at the UC Copper Commons has been canceled and will be scheduled at a later date, said Tom Webster, the advisor for UM Productions/UC Programming. Tickets can be refunded at

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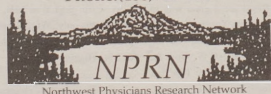
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